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MARYLAND GAZETTE,

Containing the freſheſt Advices foreign and domeſtic.

THURSDAY, *April* 15, 1756.

PARIS, *December* 12.

LETTERS of the two laſt Poſts from London, ſeem to indicate, that pacific Schemes are again favourably received there. It is even talked that the Rights of each Nation in America are going to be again examined into and ſettled. (This appears to have been related only to introduce the French Pretenſions to a Navigation to the Ohio, and on St. John's River.) People are of Opinion here, that the Maintainance of the Peace upon our Continent will depend upon the Succeſs of the Commiſſions which the Duke de Nivernois and Count d'Affray are gone to execute at Berlin and in Holland. As to a Sea War, the Engliſh render it inevitable by the Continuance of their Hoſtilities. Notwithſtanding the critical Situation of Affairs, Things remain in a profound Calm.

By the Augmentations which have lately been made to the King's Troops, it is computed that they will amount next Year to 320,000 Men, including Horſe, Foot and Dragoons.

Paris, November 24. The Temerity of the Engliſh is ſurely not to be parallelled. About a Fortnight ago two of their Ships caſt Anchor at Havre-de-Grace, and their Crews came aſhore to buy ſome Things. The Populace, whoſe Blood roſe at the Sight of them, went to the Governor, and deſir'd him to impriſon the Men, and ſeize the Ships; but as he had no Orders for it from Court, they were ſuffered to go on board unmoleſted. Before they were out of the Reach of Cannon, meeting with a French Merchant Ship coming into the Harbour, they carried her off.

Liſbon, November 19. There have been ſeveral Shocks ſince the great Earthquake that happened here on the firſt Inſtant, the moſt conſiderable of which was on the 8th, about Five o'Clock in the Morning. The Force of the Earthquake ſeem'd to be immediately under the City, and to have vented itſelf at the Key, that runs from the Cuſtom-Houſe towards the King's Palace, which is entirely carried away, and has totally diſappear'd, and ſome Boats were ſwallowed up at the ſame Time. The India-houſe is alſo deſtroyed; but the Mint, in which there is conſiderable Treaſure, is ſtanding. The River roſe 20 or 30 Feet, and ſunk as much four ſeveral Times. Three Parts in four of the Inhabitants are ſtill encamp'd in the Fields and Gardens; the Houſes that are yet remaining are ſo ſhatter'd, that it is thought not one in fifty can ſtand the Winter. Several Ships are arrived from America with Fiſh.

The Number of the Dead is conſiderably leſs than was at firſt conjectur'd, and it does not appear that any of the Nobility are loſt, except the Marchioneſs of Lourical, the Counteſs of Lumeares, and her Daughter, Lady Anna de Moſcoco, and Don Franciſco de Noronha, a Principal of the Patriarchal Church, and Brother to the Marquis of Angeja. The Dead have been interred, the Fires are extinguiſhed, and, by the provident Meaſures the King has taken, the People are ſupplied with Plenty of Proviſions. Their moſt Faithful Majeſties and the Royal Family continue in perfect Health.

LONDON.

December 6. The Coaſts of Kent and Suſſex have (within theſe few Days) been put into a good Poſture of Defence, and a conſiderable Number of Horſe and Foot quarter'd there, which, with the Militia of the two Counties that are ordered to be raiſed, will be able to make Head againſt any Attack on thoſe Quarters.

Dec. 11. It was Yeſterday reported, that the French in the Mediterranean have taken and ranſom'd two Britiſh Ships, one ſaid to be a Leghorn Ship, the other a Newfoundlander.

Dec. 13. Few Ships have been loſt in the Tagus, but Abundance damaged. All the Goods brought over in the two laſt Fleets from Brazil have been deſtroyed. The Cuſtom-Houſe is ſunk intirely under Water. The Mint, and a good deal of private Treaſure, were ſav'd; but great Damage was done by the Portugueſe plundering and ſetting Fire to Houſes, &c. and there was a very great Inundation of Water.

December 18. By the moſt authentic Accounts from Liſbon we are aſſured, that the Number of our Countrymen and Women, who by the late Earthquake paid their indiſpenſible Tribute to Nature, does not exceed 14, of which Number Mrs. Lake, Wife to an eminent Merchant, was one. Trade and Commerce is renewed in the Remains of that City; Wines have been ſhipp'd and Bills negotiated, and the Face of Things is in as good a View as can be expected in their preſent Circumſtances. A Gentleman of our Acquaintance, who has been at Liſbon, ſays, he is not at all ſurprized at the Behaviour of the Prieſts, who, altho' they have thirteen Parts in twenty of the Lands of the Kingdom in their Poſſeſſion, do yet, by all the artful and ſiniſter Methods poſſible, extort, ſqueeze, and force all the Money they can from the poor deluded Laity; nor can we hope to ſee an Abolition of the Inquiſition, the King himſelf being too much under the Influence and Dominion of the Church, and, by the fundamental Laws of Portugal, muſt be an Eye-witneſs of their moſt inhuman Burnings and Roaſtings of poor Jews and Hereticks. One of the Inhabitants told him, that ſhould the King ſtay away from one of thoſe Maſſacres, he would be inſulted and called a Jew, the next time he appeared in Public. The late Queen, who was Siſter to the Emperor Charles, being a German, was ſo touched with the horrid Sight, that all the Generals and great Officers in the Church could not prevail upon her to be preſent a ſecond Time.

December 23. They write from Hamburgh, that the Letters received from Liſbon adviſe, that the Swediſh Conſul was cruſh'd by the Fall of his own Houſe, that ſome of the Officers belonging to the Court were kill'd, and among them two of the Secretaries of State, who were in their Offices when the Palace was thrown down.

By private Letters from Switzerland we learn, that on the 10th Inſtant, preciſely at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, a violent Shock of an Earthquake was felt at Schaffhauſen. At Brazil and in the Neighbourhood a violent Shock was felt the ſame Day at Three Quarters after Three; ſome Houſes were damaged, and others much ſhaken. The Lake of Zurich, which was greatly agitated at the Time of the Earthquake which deſtroyed Liſbon, was again agitated on this Occaſion, and overflowed its Banks. By other Letters we learn, that this laſt Shock was alſo felt at Straſburg and Stutgard.

The following Advices have been received at Copenhagen from Norder Syſſil in Iceland, dated September 15: "On the 11th Inſtant a violent Shock was felt here and in the Diſtrict of Huſewig. It began at Twelve o'Clock at Night, and was felt at Times till the Afternoon. At Two o'Clock the Parſonage Houſe at Huſewig, and twelve others, were thrown down from the Foundations. The Inhabitants eſcaped with their Cattle, but their Winter Proviſions are entirely ſpoilt. The Day before Yeſterday was felt two other ſlight Shocks. The Water of a ſmall Rivulet, which was before very clear and pure, is changed to the Colour of Milk.

The Proclamation iſſued the 20th of October laſt, which prohibits the Exportation of Gunpowder, for the Space of three Months from the Date thereof, is prolonged for ſix Months, to commence from the Expiration of the aforementioned Term of three Months.

We learn from Nantz, that almoſt all the Rivers in Bretagne have overflowed their Banks, and done incredible Miſchief, ſo that the People were obliged to forſake their Houſes, and retire to the higher Grounds; but at the Departure of the Poſt the Waters began to fall.

Yeſterday the Government received an Account from Liſbon, by the Penzance Man of War, that forty Days ſucceeding the firſt Earthquake, on the firſt of November, they had one or more (one Day only excepted) the laſt of which, the 10th of this preſent Month, totally deſtroyed three Churches which were left ſtanding, but greatly ſhattered, together with the Remnants of ſeveral Houſes, which thereby were rendered level with the Ground.

It is ſaid that the Hampton Court Man of War, that is off Plymouth, was within a few Leagues of Liſbon, when a Meteor paſſed over her, which took the Virtue of the Needle away, ſo that they knew not where they were.

On Wedneſday the Commiſſioners of the Victualling-Office contracted with Meſſieurs Carter and Woodward for 3000 Oxen, to be killed for the Service of his Majeſty's Navy, at 26s. and 3d. per Hundred.

They write from Turin, that on All Saints Day, the firſt of November, as the Cardinal Archbiſhop was ſaying Maſs in the Cathedral, a very ſevere Shock of an Earthquake was felt there, upon which the People in general quitted their Devotions, and fled precipitately into the Fields, notwithſtanding which the Prelate went through the Service with the greateſt Steadineſs and Compoſure of Mind imaginable, and afterwards retired unhurt to his Palace.

We learn from Paris, that the Ambaſſador of a certain Court has received Orders to retire from his Maſter. The ſame Letters ſay, that the Squadrons at Breſt and Rochfort have been diſarmed, in order to equip eight Frigates, which are to ſail with all poſſible Expedition with Supplies for their Colonies in North America. The River Soane, which runs through Lyons, overflowed on the Firſt of November ſo ſuddenly, and with ſo much Violence, as to do much Miſchief. Amongſt others who loſt their Lives on that Occaſion, was a Courier, from the Marquis de Stainville, his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty's Ambaſſador at Rome, and his Diſpatches are alſo loſt, which are ſaid to relate to Matters of great Importance.

According to ſome private Letters from the Hague, his Catholick Majeſty has ſent an Order to Cadiz to furniſh his Brother of Portugal with a Million of Doubloons, in his preſent Diſtreſs, as ſoon as poſſible.

Dec. 23. The fineſt Quarter of the City of Liſle was very near being totally deſtroyed, with all its Inhabitants; they had but juſt Time to eſcape the Inundation, and though it quickly ſubſided, yet their Fright keeps them ſtill in the Fields.

January 24. By Advices from Paris we learn that a Courier arrived at that City from M. Vergennes the French Ambaſſador at Conſtantinople, reports, that all along the Way he travelled he heard of nothing but Earthquakes; and yet we do not find that this has cooled the Ardor of the French for War, or that it hath raiſed one Thought in their Monarch's Head, tending to put a ſtop to the Streams of Blood his People are ſtill laviſhly ſpilling in America, or to make Satisfaction to England for the prodigious Expences he hath obliged her to be at.

We have been told from the ſame Place, that a ſufficient Quantity of Materials are already imported and depoſited in his Majeſty's Magazines, for the Equipment of 150 Sail of the Line. That freſh Orders have been ſent to Breſt for the Conſtruction of ten new Ships, to Rochfort of eight, and to Toulon of five, all of them to be of the Line.

And that the Scheme of a great Sea Officer, for the Preſervation and Augmentation of their Marine

rine is adopted: His Plan propoſes never to ſend out to Sea leſs than ſix Ships of the Line in Company; alſo, to reduce the Number, and to increaſe the Weight of the Cannon uſed on board the King's Ships. In Conſequence of which, Ships deſtined to tranſport Troops to America, are ordered to be ſixty and ſeventy Gun Ships, carrying only thirty large Guns each.

By the Accounts received on Monday laſt from Liſbon (which came by Expreſs through France) it appears that the People in general had greatly compoſed themſelves, and that Trade and Buſineſs were likely ſoon to revive, his Portugueſe Majeſty having publiſhed ſeveral Ordinances which gave great Life to his trading Subjects.

The ſame Expreſs brought the King of Portugal's Return of Thanks to our moſt gracious Sovereign, and the whole Nation, for the kind benevolent Preſents voted by Parliament for the Relief of his unhappy diſtreſſed Subjects. And we are informed, that his Portugueſe Majeſty, and the Nobility, &c. of that Kingdom, expreſſed themſelves in a very extraordinary Manner on the Humanity and Generoſity of the Britiſh Nation.

The Preſs is ſo hot upon the River, that ſeveral Scotch Ships are detained for Want of Hands.

A ſtrong Convoy is appointed for the ſix Eaſt-Indiamen outward bound.

We hear that a Treaty between England and Pruſſia was ſigned Yeſterday ſe'nnight, whereby the latter engages to hinder any foreign Troops from entering the Empire in a hoſtile Manner.

Letters from Liſbon, repreſent his Portugueſe Majeſty exerciſing his Authority as a ſteady Monarch; and his Miniſtry, being ſucceſsfully employed in bringing Order out of Confuſion. The Cuſtom-houſe board, they tell us, hath in particular given a very ſignal Proof of their Firmneſs, as follows: "A Foreign Ship having attempted to ſteal down the River and get to Sea without the neceſſary Paſſports, was ſtopp'd, and immediately ſearched. She was found to be laden with Plate and Ingots of Gold and Silver that had been ſtolen during the Diſaſter. The Crime being manifeſt, the Captain and all his Crew were hanged up without any Form of Proceſs."

On Friday Morning the 16th Inſtant, a ſmall Motion of the Earth was felt in the Pariſh of Bloomſbury, near Queen's Square; but bleſſed be God, it did no Hurt: It happened exactly at Three o'Clock.

We likewiſe hear that there was a ſmall Motion of the Earth felt at Wapping, at Three o'Clock the ſame Morning.

A Gentleman in London, whoſe Friends live at Rye in Suſſex, has had a particular and undoubted Account, that there was about a Fortnight ago, at the Harbour near that Corporation, in a ſmall Space of Time, nine ſmall Shocks or Motions of the Earth; but, bleſſed be the Almighty, it did no Hurt, nor was it felt in the Town of Rye, though not a Mile off: It happened about Eight o'Clock in the Morning.

Copy of a Letter from Joſeph Barn, of FARO, *(a City and Port in Portugal)* to Henry Evans, dated at Faro, November 1, 1755.

"*I have only juſt Time to acquaint you that (praiſed be God) we are all alive, altho' entire Deſtruction hath befallen this whole City, by an Earthquake, and our Effects almoſt buried in its Ruins. The Bearer, Capt. George Diamond, will acquaint you more fully of this diſmal Calamity: As to our Parts, have neither Time nor Spirits to do it.*

P. S. *You ſee the Confuſion that I wrote the above in; ſince which there have paſſed twenty four Hours, and we have had two Shocks more, but not quite ſo violent as the firſt. All the Inhabitants that are left alive are now in open Fields. Lagus, Silvas, Villanova, and all the Coaſt from the Cape of Vincent to the River Ayamonte have met almoſt the ſame Fate as Faro.*"

Chatham, December 2. Yeſterday arrived a very rich French Ship, ſent in by Capt. Falkner, Commander of the Windſor.

Plymouth, December 2. Came in the Vanquer, Captain Oſneau, a French Ship from Guardaloupe, laden with Sugar, Coffee and Ginger, taken by the Vanguard. The Amiable Catharine, from Newfoundland, with Salt and Fiſh, ſent in by the Antepole.

Portſmouth, Dec. 10. Monday came into the Harbour three Prizes, one from Newfoundland, and two from Martinico. All our Ships are getting ready with the utmoſt Expedition. Thoſe at Spithead, in Number thirteen, are ordered to be ready to put to Sea on the ſhorteſt Notice. We are not able to form any Judgment what will be the Event of our preſent Naval Armaments carried on with ſuch uncommon Zeal and Spirit.

Goſport, Dec. 19. Ever ſince Monday we have had very tempeſtuous Weather, heavy Rains, and ſuch uncommon Lightning and Thunder, that the oldeſt Men living in theſe Parts do not remember the like at this Seaſon. His Majeſty's Ships Yarmouth and Chicheſter have been dock'd and clean'd this Spring Tide. Yeſterday the Monarch went into Dock, and is expected out this Day. The ſame Afternoon a ſix oar'd Boat, belonging to his Majeſty's Ship Lancaſter, the Hon. John Hamilton, Eſq; Commander, coming on Shore from the ſaid Ship, with the Captain, his Footman, the Coxſwain and ſix Men in her, the Sail being gybed, ſhe broach'd to and fill'd, by which Accident the Captain, Coxſwain, and one of the Men were unhappily drowned, the others were ſaved by Boats coming to their Aſſiſtance. The Loſs of this Hon. Gentleman is great, he being much eſteemed for his naval Abilities and exemplary Piety (having Divine Service perform'd twice a Day at Sea to the Ship's Company, to whom he was a Father) his whole Behaviour was uniform, and ſhewed both the Chriſtian and the Gentleman.

Briſtol, January 20. Yeſterday it was currently reported, that an Embargo will ſoon be laid on all the Shipping in this Port.

Plymouth, January 16. The whole Talk is of War, and that the Fleet is to take in full ſix Months Proviſions, and none but good Seamen, and all well in Health, with a full Complement of Marines.

BOSTON, *March* 29.

Tueſday Evening laſt came to Town from Fort William Henry, at Lake George, Capt. Robert Rogers, who has made himſelf famous in theſe Parts of America, by his Courage and Activity, with his Scouring-Parties near Crown-Point. He informs, that on the firſt Inſtant he went out with a Scout of 55 Men to diſtreſs the Enemy, and on the fifth came in Sight of the Fort, and continued round it undiſcovered three Days, waiting an Opportunity to take ſome Priſoners, but without Succeſs. On the 9th in the Evening they ſet Fire to 2 Dwelling Houſes and 9 Barns, which alarmed the Enemy, upon which he returned. The next Morning they heard three Cannon fired at the Fort, which Capt. Rogers ſuppoſed were to alarm Ticonderago; and being within ten Miles of it, he, with ſix of his Party, went to view the Fort there, and came ſo near in the Evening, as to ſee the Centinels on the Walls: They afterwards joined their Companions, and made the beſt of their Way back to Fort William Henry, where they all arrived ſafe on the 15th, except an Indian (one of the Party) who was aſleep in one of the Barns when they ſet Fire to it, and who was ſo much burnt, that he died before they returned.

Extract of a Letter from St. Euſtatia, dated January 29.

"*Yeſterday a Sloop arrived from the Cape, who brings Advice, that two Men of War, with ſome Tranſports, ſailed for the Miſſiſippi, with a Regiment of Swiſs and other Troops, and a great Quantity of Ammunition, to reinforce the French on the Ohio.*"

We hear that a Veſſel arrived laſt Week from Chignecto, at Piſcataqua, in 5 Days, which brought an Account, that the French and Indians had killed and ſcalped five of our Soldiers, and carried off one Captive; upon which Capt. Brewer went out with a Party in Purſuit of them, and brought in three French Priſoners.

NEW-HAVEN, *March* 20.

The following melancholly Accident happened at New-Cheſhire, on the firſt Inſtant; a Son of Ebenezer Bonnel, aged about ſix Years, fell backwards into a Tub of boiling hot Beer; all his Body, and as high as his Chin, was covered with the Liquor, which brought off the Skin wherever it touched, and in about five Hours and an Half put an End to his Life.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 26.

On Sunday laſt betwixt one and two o'Clock in the Day, a Fire broke out in the Shop of Dr. Peter Hay, in this City, and in leſs than Half an Hour entirely conſumed the ſame, together with all the Medicines, Utenſils, &c. and tho' the Wind was extremely high, yet no other Houſe being very near, and by the Aſſiſtance of a Fire Engine, it was happily prevented from doing any further Damage.

The 11th of this Inſtant, a Boy was ſcalped by a Party of 6 Indians, about 8 Miles below Patowmack, the Boy was afterwards found, and is likely to do well: On this Alarm moſt of the Inhabitants on Potowmack are removed, at leaſt 60 Families.

NEW-YORK, *March* 29.

The Beginning of laſt Week a Report prevailed, that a Number of French Troops had appeared near the Great Carrying-Place on the Road to Oſwego, and had cut off ſome of our Carpenters who were going thither; that thereupon the Honourable Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Bart. immediately ſet out with a Number of our Forces, and Indians, to meet them: But we ſince hear, that the whole appears to have been a falſe Alarm given by the Indians, to ſee whether the Engliſh would be ready to relieve them in Caſe they ſhould be attacked by an Enemy.

April 5. Monday Morning laſt, Capt. Warner arrived at Boſton, in 8 Weeks from London: He ſailed in Company with the Captains White and Spender, of that Place, and Capt. King for Halifax, under Convoy of his Majeſty's Ship the Lyn, having 50,000*l.* Sterling on board, who was hourly expected in there, having parted from Capt. Warner about a Month before. A Letter from Boſton, dated three Quarters after Three o'Clock Monday Afternoon, ſays, "Capt. White is now coming up, and they ſay the Man of War is in Sight."

Extract of a Letter from London, dated Dec. 24.

----"*A War unavoidable,---the French Ambaſſador after a very ſhort Stay at the Hague, left it with a diſſatisfactory Anſwer from the States, on which the States have appointed M. Botſilaer to come here as Ambaſſador Extraordinary to inform his Majeſty of their Reſolutions:---The Subſidies for the Ruſſians and Heſſians, the firſt 70,000 Men, the other 8000, are voted by a great Majority for four Years: Our Ships almoſt all in Commiſſion,--Cruizers out and take every Thing they meet.---Numbers of Ships building in private Yards, many of them 70 Guns; a Thing unprecedented:---Now in the Ports near 300 Prizes, and notwithſtanding all this the French are very paſſive. A Gentleman of my Acquaintance who has been but three Days from France, ſays, the French are much pleaſed from their laſt Accounts, that Things in America would reſt till Spring; but I hope they will be diſappointed. Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, and the American Troops are in great Eſteem. His Royal Highneſs the Duke, Lord Anſon, Lord Halifax, and the Lord Granville, very intent on Buſineſs; too many others contending for Poſts of Profit. The Armies here are much augmented, and expect will be more ſo: No Troops yet deſigned for America.*" *I am, &c.*

On the 15th of laſt Month, Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, being at Albany, received Advice with a Belt of Wampum from the Onoydas, that they were apprehenſive a Body of French and Indians were on their March in order to attack Oſwego or the Great Carrying Place. At 10 o'Clock the ſame Night, Sir WILLIAM ſet out for Schenectady, ordered a Party of the Militia from thence, and the Militia from Schohary and the Mohawk's River to follow him: He then proceeded to Mount Johnſon, got together what Whites and Indians he could muſter, next Morning ſet out for the Great-Carrying-Place, and by the Time he reached the German Flats, his Army conſiſted of about 1000 Militia, and ſome Indians, and was afterwards joined by 300 more of the Militia, but on his receiving Intelligence, by ſome of the Onoydas, that their Scouts had been out, and could make no Diſcovery of the Enemy, he returned home, after having travelled near 200 Miles in ſix Days.

By an Expreſs that arrived here on Friday laſt from Albany, we are told, that a Number of French and Indians had attacked Lieutenant Bull, and 30 Men, that were poſted at the upper End of the Great-Carrying-Place; that he, and ſome of his People were killed, and a ſmall Store, with ſome Proviſions in it, burnt; and that they were in Pain for ſome of their Battoes, which they feared were cut off by the Enemy. But we hope we ſhall be able to give a more particular Account of this Affair in our next, as a Courier from the General is hourly expected.

By the ſame Expreſs we are alſo told, that Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON was again ſet out, with as many of the Militia and Indians as his Time would permit him to get together, and was determined to ſcour the Woods on both Sides of the Mohawk's River, and proceed as far as Oſwego, if he found it neceſſary.

To the unſpeakable Loſs of his Family and the Public, on Friday Evening laſt died the Honourable JAMES ALEXANDER, Eſq; in the Sixty-fifth Year of his Age.

A Gentleman in his Diſpoſition generous, courteous and humane, delicate in his Senſe of Honour, ſtedfaſt in Friendſhip, of ſtrict Probity, temperate in his Diet, and in Buſineſs indefatigable. The Relations of Huſband, Father and Maſter,

Master, he sustained with the highest Reputation. In these Parts of the World few Men surpassed him either in the natural Sagacity and Strength of his Intellectual Powers, or his Literary Acquirements. In the Mathematical Sciences his Researches were very great. He was also eminent in his Profession of the Law; and equally distinguished by his superior Knowledge and long Experience in Public Affairs.---He had the Honour to serve the King in several important Offices, and was a wise and faithful Counsellor to his Majesty for the Province of New-York and New-Jersey; Always true to the Interest of his Country, well knowing that the Rights of the Crown are the Bulwark of the Liberties of the People; that the Liberties of the People are the Safety and Honour of the Crown, and that a just Temperament of both in the Administration of Government, constitutes the Health of the Political Body.--His Zeal for the Defence of the Public Cause against the common Enemy, led him to Council when he was not sufficiently recovered from the Gout. From thence he brought those mortal Symptoms that closed his Days within about a Week.---His Remains are to be interred this Evening in his Family Vault.

We hear, that about two Weeks since, the Indians killed two Men (one a Liver in Albany) as they were going from Fort Edward to Saraghtoga; and upon Examination it was found, that one of them had thirteen Balls lodged in different Parts of his Body.

About three Weeks ago, a Steer of two Years, eight Months and a half old, bred by Col. Tredwell, at Great-Neck, on Long-Island, was killed in this City, whose four Quarters weighed 850lb. and the Fat (exclusive of the Kidneys) 123 lb.

Thursday last his Excellency was pleased, in the Presence of the Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council and General Assembly, to give his Assent to the following Act passed this Session, *viz.*

An Act for raising, paying and subsisting One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifteen effective Men, Officers included, to be employed in Conjunction with the neighbouring Colonies, on an Expedition for reducing the French Fort at Crown-Point; and carrying on an offensive War against the Indians who infest the Western Frontiers of this Colony; and other Purposes therein mentioned.

Tuesday last this City was alarmed with the Cry of Fire in his Majesty's Fort here: It seems three Men, Deserters from the King's Forces, had been taken and confined in a Place under the Ramparts, which had formerly been a Magazine, and tis supposed they set Fire to some Combustibles left in it, which burst the Door open; but by the timely Help of the Inhabitants, it was extinguished, with little other Damage than the three Men's Death, who were found suffocated at the Bottom of the Steps.

PHILADELPHIA, *April* 1.

Extract of a Letter from Conococheague, dated March 22, 1756.

"There is scarce a Day but we have new Alarms of the Indians doing Mischief in some Part or other. On the 18th Instant, two Men, named Taylor and Venable, that belonged to Fort Shirley, left M'Dowell's Mill, in order to go there; and in the Evening Taylor was found dead and scalped on the Road, about five Miles from said Mill, and Venable is supposed to be carried off by the Enemy."

In a Letter from Reading, in Berks County, dated the 25th ult. it is mentioned, than an Express was just arrived there, and brought Advice, that the Day before the House of Peter Klucks, on Schuylkill, about fourteen Miles from that Town, was set on Fire by the Enemy, and that the Family, five in Number, are supposed to be burnt in it, as they are all missing: That the Indians then attacked the House of one Linderman, in which were two Men and a Woman, who all ran up Stairs, where the Woman was shot dead thro' the Roof; that then the Men ran out of the House to engage the Indians, when Linderman was shot in the Neck, and the other Man thro' his Jacket; that upon this Linderman ran towards the Indians (two of whom were only seen) who made off, and shot one of them in the Back, so that he fell, and he and his Companion scalped him, and brought off his Gun and Knife.

In another Letter from Hereford, in Berks County, dated March 28, there is the following Account: That on the 22d of that Month, one John Krousher and his Wife, and William Yeth and his Boy, about 12 Years of Age, went to their Places to feed their Cattle, and on their Return were fired upon by five Indians, who had hid themselves about three Perches from the Road, when Yeth was mortally wounded in the Back; Krousher's Wife found dead and scalped, and had three Cuts in her Head, and two in her Right Arm with a Tomahawk; Krousher made his Escape, and the Boy was carried off by the Enemy. That on the 24th of March two Waggons went up to Alamingle to bring down a Family, with their Effects; and as they were returning, about three Miles below George Zeislof's (to whom the Corn, &c. in the Waggons belonged) were fired upon by a Number of Indians from both Sides of the Road; upon which the Waggoners left their Waggons, and ran into the Woods, and the Horses, frightened at the Firing, and the terrible Yelling of the Indians, ran down a Hill, and broke one of the Waggons to Pieces: That the Enemy killed George Zeislof and his Wife, a Lad of Twenty, a Boy of Twelve, and a Girl of Thirteen Years old, four of which they scalped: That another Girl was shot in the Neck, and through the Mouth, and scalped; notwithstanding all which she got off, and was alive when the Letter was wrote: That a Boy was stabbed by them in three Places, but the Wounds not thought to be mortal: That they killed two of the Horses, and five are missing, with which 'tis thought the Indians carried off the most valuable of the Goods that were in the Waggons.

In the same Letter Notice is taken of another Misfortune that happened on the Sixth of March, in Lynn Township, in Northampton County, viz. That three Indians attacked the House of David Bielman, murdered his Wife and two Children, and carried off some of his best Effects.

It is added, that the People are in the utmost Consternation, and daily leaving their Plantations, and moving downwards with what they can bring off that is most valuable.

Last Week a Child was killed in Second-street, and some others hurt, by a Horse taking Fright in a Chair.

Saturday last Captain Lownes arrived here from Jamaica, and advises, that the Day before he sailed (the Fifth of February) two French Prizes were sent in, one of them a Guiney Man.

On Monday last died here an Indian Mohawk Chief, named Moses, who came to Town last Week with Scarroyady and Andrew Montour, from the Mohawk Country. He was a noted Warrior, and always proved himself a hearty Friend to the English; and the Occasion of his coming here at this Time, was purely to give us what Assistance he could with regard to Indian Affairs. He was interred with all the Honours of War usual on such Occasions, which were performed by a Company of Grenadiers, belonging to the Philadelphia Regiment, who marched before the Corpse; and his Funeral was attended by several Members of the Provincial Council, the Commissioners, most of the Officers of the Militia, and others of the principal Inhabitants of the City.

April 8. Last Week the Philadelphia Artillery Company fired one of their Cannon ten Times in less than a Minute.

Captain Rees, from Jamaica, informs us, that on his Passage he spoke with the Weazle Sloop of War, and that she had in Company with her a large French Schooner, which she took off of Leoganne, bound in there from Martinico, laden with Cocoa.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated December 17.

"A War in America will, I believe, continue, and seems inevitable in Europe, between us and the French. No Condemnation as yet of any of the French Ships brought in by our Men of War. The Parliament have ratified the Treaty to take in our Pay seventy thousand Russians, and twelve thousand Hessians; it occasioned long and warm Debates, and, in the End, carried for the Subsidy 314 against 126. The Russians are to begin to march immediately. Our Army at home is augmented 15000 Men, so that we have now in our Pay (with only 4000 of the Irish Establishment included) 34323 Men, so that we are prepared for any Attempt the French may make on us. Neither we nor the French have any Fleets abroad at this present, but there will be one out very soon from here. We have many Cruizers out and there is a Report, that the French are sending Letters of Marque; in one Word, their Conduct astonishes all Mankind; they certainly are meditating some grand *Coup de Maitre*, which is not yet mature.

Extract of a Letter from London, dated January 22.

"The Ministry, as I am informed, intend to have it moved in the House of Commons, that a Sum of Money, perhaps about One Hundred Thousand Pounds Sterling, shall be granted towards the Expences of those Colonies who have already raised Forces on the Expeditions of late on Foot there, and 'tis expected it will be done in a very few Days Time.---As to other public News, we are still at an Uncertainty about War or Peace, though our Men of War still continue making Prizes of French Merchant Ships; having now got, as 'tis thought, near 10,000 of their Men as Prisoners from on board them; but keep all the Prizes that are taken, without selling or disposing of them, till they see whether the French will declare War, or come into a reasonable Accommodation. One Measure has very lately happened, which probably will be a great Mortification to them, which is, that of a Treaty actually concluded and signed by our King and the King of Prussia. By what we hitherto learn of it, it is, That the former guarantees Silesia in a stronger Manner than heretofore; and the latter guarantees Hanover; and, in Consequence of this Guaranty, both the Russian Troops on the one Side, and the French on the other, are to be kept out of the Empire. But in case of a Land War (which 'tis likely the French depend on to intimidate the English) Holland and the Empress's Dominions in Flanders still lie exposed to them."

Extract of a Letter from New-York, dated April 5.

"We have no News but what you will see in the Papers. We are very anxious to hear from Albany. I am just now told that the Militia from Dutchess and Ulster Counties are all ordered up to join Sir William Johnson, That the Regulars are marched; that the French are 4000 strong, and that it is imagined they intend to attack Oswego."

ANNAPOLIS, *April* 15.

At the Assizes in *Baltimore* County, last Week, *John Wilmott* was found Guilty of *Manslaughter*, in lately killing *Robert Green*, with a Compass-Staff. The Difference arose about surveying Land. The Deceased left a Wife and six small Children, the eldest not being seven Years old.

Thursday last came on the Election in *Charles* County, for a Representative, (in the Room of Mr. *Moore*, removed out of the Province) which lasted two Days, and at the closing the Poll, Mr. *Daniel-of-St.-Thomas Jenifer*, was declared duly Elected, and has since qualified and taken his Seat in the House.

We have a certain Account, That a Party in *Virginia*, lately met with some *Indians* and a *French* Officer, and that they killed the *French* Officer, and took off his Scalp, and found upon him some Cloaths which belong'd to Lieut. *Bacon*, and a Scalp supposed to be Mr. *Bacon*'s.

At the Burning of *M'Coard*'s Fort by the Enemy, on the first Instant, there were thirty People killed, and six taken Prisoners. One of the former was a Woman very big with Child, whom they ripp'd open, and scalp'd the Infant; and a young Girl, one of the Prisoners, who it is supposed was not able to Travel fast enough with them, was found dead and scalp'd near the Foot of an adjacent Mountain.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, *Entered*,

Schooner Sophia and Anne, James Allein, from Barbados;

Brig Fox, Cornelius Robertson, from St. Eustatia;

Schooner Henry and Anne, Henry Travers, junr. from North-Carolina.

Cleared for Departure,

Brig Osgood, Wells Waring, for Madeira.

FOUND, about Two Years ago,

ON the Road between *Upper-Marlborough* and *Nottingham*, a handsome CUTLASS, with a Horn Handle, mounted with Silver; the Chape is mark'd on the End with R D.

The Owner may have it again, on proving his Property, and paying the Charge of this Advertisement, by applying to the Printer hereof.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Benjamin Colegate*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a middle siz'd black Horse, branded on the near Shoulder with HL, and has two large Saddle Spots.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is in the Possession of *Luke Barnard*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small grey Mare, about six Years old, branded on the near Shoulder and Thigh with W D.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

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NEW-YORK, *March* 29.

About two Weeks ago the Barn of one Beſtfall, at Miniſink, was burnt by the Indians, with 24 Cows, 9 Horſes, and about 400 Buſhels of Wheat.

Extract of a Letter from Madeira, dated January 25, 1756.

------" I think we have had only three Engliſh Veſſels here ſince you left us, which is ſomething extraordinary at this Seaſon of the Year: We judge they are ſtaying for Convoy, as well as the Eaſt-India Men, which in one Reſpect has happened well, as our Wines are ſelling cheaper than laſt Year.------Yeſterday arrived a Ship from Gibraltar, the Captain of which reports, that Letters of the 19th of December were received there from London; that Preparations for War continued as before; but that the Parliament would determine nothing till after Chriſtmas; and that there were in Gibraltar Twenty-five Sail of French Prizes."--

Laſt Week Mr. Sullivan, alias Johnſon, the famous Money-maker, was brought to Town, and committed to our Goal: He was detected and taken in Dutcheſs County, in this Government, by the extraordinary Addreſs and Reſolution of Cornet Eliphalet Beecher.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Rogers to the General Aſſembly, dated at Fort William Henry, March 15, 1756.

GENTLEMEN,

" I return you my hearty Thanks for the particular Inſtance of your Favour of the 25th of February laſt, in beſtowing One Hundred and Twenty-five mill'd Pieces of Eight on me, as you were pleaſed to ſay, for my good Services done nigh and about Crown-Point againſt the French and Indians. I know not how to make a ſufficient Acknowledgment for this Act of Generoſity, but ſhall, at all Times, exert my utmoſt, in faithfully ſerving my God, my King, and my Country, as an honeſt Soldier; and hope to have the Pleaſure of ſeeing our French and Indian Enemy ſubdued this Spring. May God bleſs your bounteous Hands and proſper your Eſtates.

ROBERT ROGERS."

RAN away from the Subſcriber, living in *Talbot* County, on the 3d of this Inſtant *April*, an indented Servant Man, named *Nathaniel Carter*, a Ship Carpenter by Trade, but may pretend to ſome other Buſineſs, he is a tall ſlim Fellow, of a thin Viſage, and has a little halt in his Walk: Had on when he went away, a green Frize Jacket, a Pair of ſpeckled Sailor's Trowſers, worſted Stockings, and a Pair of Country Shoes.

Whoever takes up the ſaid Servant, and brings him to the Subſcriber, ſhall have Five Pounds Reward; or, if ſecured in any Goal, ſo that his Maſter may have him again, Three Pounds Reward, paid by JOHN BOZMAN.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Benjamin Duvall*, in *Prince-George*'s County, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Bay Horſe, about 12½ Hands high, branded on the near Buttock with II, has a Star in his Forehead, and a Liſt round his Body, ſuppoſed to have been cut by a Rope.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *Joſeph Bowdles*, in *Dorcheſter* County, near the Mouth of *Hunting-Creek*, taken up as a Stray, a Flea-bitten Horſe, about 13 Hands high, branded on the off Buttock with ſome Thing like DI, he paces ſlow, and is about 11 Years old.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

TO BE SOLD,

On Wedneſday the 19*th Day of* May *next, to the higheſt Bidder, at the Houſe of Mr.* Samuel Middleton, *in* Annapolis, *at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon,*

PART of a Tract of Land, called *Cool Spring*, containing 400 Acres, more or leſs, lying near the Head of *Great-Choptank* River, in *Queen-Anne*'s County. Any Perſon inclined to purchaſe, may be informed of the Title, by applying to KINSEY JOHNS.

THERE is at the Plantation of *John Barnwell*, in *Frederick* County, near the Great-Falls of *Patowmack*, taken up as a Stray, a ſmall Sorrel Horſe, lately trimm'd, with a large Star in his Forehead, is a natural Pacer, and branded on the off Buttock with a W, turn'd the wrong Way.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

THERE is at the Plantation of *John Wilds*, on *Little-Pipe-Creek*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a White Mare, about 13 Hands high, branded on the near Shoulder H, and on the near Buttock CS; ſhe had a middle-fiz'd Bell, tied on with a Piece of old Rope.

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

JOSHUA DORSEY,

THOUGH he has left off Public Houſe-Keeping, hereby acquaints the PUBLIC, That he ſtill keeps the FERRY as uſual, on each Side of *Patapſco* RIVER, and that he, nevertheleſs, will ENTERTAIN Gentlemen Travellers, or Others, as PRIVATE LODGERS, in the beſt Manner.

IN the Hands of *John Pearſon*, at Col. *Taſker*'s Plantation, in *Prince-George's* County, a beautiful Black Horſe, full 15 Hands high, and will Cover Mares this Seaſon, at Four Guineas a Leap and Trial. Good Care will be taken of the Mares. The Dam of this Horſe, was bred by the Duke of *Somerſet*, and Got by THE HAMPTON-COURT CHILDERS. His Sire, was my Lord *Portmore*'s CRAB, Sire of OROONOKO, SLOE, BLACK AND ALL-BLACK, and many other STALLIONS now in great Repute.

NOTICE is hereby given, That a Ferry at *Joppa*, a-croſs GUN-POWDER-RIVER, is now kept by the Subſcriber, who has a good Boat and Hands for the Purpoſe; and a conſtant Attendance is given. ISAAC RISTEAU.

March 23, 1756

RAN away from the *Baltimore* Iron-Works, on *Patapſco*, in *Maryland*, on Saturday Night laſt, an *Iriſh* Servant Man, named *Thomas Ivory*, he is about 27 Years of Age, pretends to be a Marble-Cutter by Trade, was imported about two Years ago into *Patapſco* River, is about five Feet ſix Inches high, ſlender and ſmooth fac'd, has ſandy Hair, and ſpeaks pretty much on the Brogue. Had on when he went away, an old Felt Hat, a red Worſted Cap, old brown Coat, Cotton Jacket and Breeches trimm'd with Leather Buttons, two Oſnabrigs Shirts, coarſe Country Shoes and Stockings.

He has ſtolen an Indenture, with a Diſcharge on it, belonging to one *James Moore*, who was born in the *Jerſeys*, and no Doubt will endeavour to paſs by it.

Whoever takes up ſaid Servant, and ſecures him, ſo that he may be had again, ſhall have *Thirty Shillings* Reward, if taken 20 Miles from home; *Forty Shillings*, if taken 40 Miles from home; *Three Pounds*, if taken at a greater Diſtance; if taken out of the Province, *Three Piſtoles*; and reaſonable Charges if brought home, paid by RICHARD CROXALL.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT of choice Land, lying on *Rock-Creek*, in *Frederick* County, called *Thompſon*'s *Adventure*, containing 50 Acres, and is adjoining to *John Baldwin Adamſon*'s.

Any Perſon inclining to purchaſe, may enquire of *John Thompſon* in *Annapolis*, and know further.

WHEREAS it has been reported, by ſome ill-diſpoſed Perſon, with a Deſign of prejudicing me, that I was run away; this, therefore, is to give Notice, that I am ſtill living at *Broad-Creek*, on *Kent-Iſland*, and keep Ferry as uſual, where all Gentlemen may depend on having good Boats and ſkilful Hands, and kind Uſage, from

Their humble Servant,

DANIEL MECONEKIN.

TO BE SOLD,

A TRACT or Parcel of Land, being one Moiety of a Tract of Land called *Clean Drinking*, lying in *Frederick* County, on *Rock-Creek*, within ſix Miles of the Warehouſe at *George-Town*, the ſaid Moiety contains 625 Acres, of a good Soil, and well timber'd; whereon is a Dwelling Houſe, and two Tobacco Houſes, alſo a good Apple and Peach Orchard.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe the ſaid Land, may know the Title, and Terms of Sale, by applying to the Subſcriber, living near lower *Cedar-Point*, in *Charles* County.

ARTHUR LEE.

Oxford, February 9, 1756.

To be SOLD, at Oxford, *on reaſonable Terms, for Bills, Current Money, Tobacco, Wheat, Corn, and ſhort Credit,*

THE Stock in Trade of *Richard Gildart*, Eſq; and SONS, of *Liverpool*, Merchants. All Perſons inclin'd to purchaſe are deſired ſoon to apply to the Subſcriber, who intends for *England* early in the next Summer, and gives this public Notice to all thoſe who have any Demands on the ſaid Company, or himſelf, or are in Arrears to either, that they may come and ſettle their reſpective Accounts, and avoid further Trouble to themſelves, and THOMAS BRERETON.

To be SOLD for Bills of Exchange, or Sterling Money,

A TRACT of Land containing 190 Acres, lying on the *South* Side of *Magothy* River, ſituated very pleaſant and convenient for Fiſhing and Fowling, and within 5 Miles of *Annapolis*, whereon is a good Dwelling-Houſe, Kitchen, Meat-Houſe, a Negro Quarter, two Corn-Houſes, a Garden, well-paled in, and two Orchards.

Alſo a young Negro Wench, a Negro Girl, and a Negro Boy.

For Terms apply to the Printer hereof.

TO BE SOLD,

For Sterling Money, good Bills of Exchange, Gold, Silver, or Paper Currency,

THE following Tracts and Parcels of Land, *viz.*

Rover's Content,	466	Acres.
Part of *The Incloſure*,	89	
Part of *Goodluck*,	445	
Fife, - - -	78	
Beall's Chance,	290	
Father's Gift,	183	
Bread and Cheeſe Hall,	91	

Theſe are all adjoining, and make a Body of choice well timbered Land, whereon are Three Plantations, with good Orchards, lying in *Prince George's* County, within five Miles of *Bladenſburg*, ten of *Upper-Marlborough*, and ſix of the *Eaſtern Branch* Ferry.

Coupper,	113	Acres.
Part of *Laybill*,	649	
Beall's Reſerve,	380	
Drumeldry,	225	

The Four laſt mentioned lie in *Beall's Neck*, in *Frederick* County, not above twelve Miles from *Bladenſburg*, being a choice Parcel of fine Wood-Land.

Alſo 459 Acres of Land, being Part of a Tract called *Allifon's Park*, lying likewiſe in *Frederick* County, on or near a Branch, called and known, by the Name of *Captain John's Branch*.

Any Perſon inclinable to purchaſe Part of the firſt mentioned ſeven Tracts, lying in *Prince George's* County, may have the Quantity deſired, provided it be taken ſo as not to incommode the remaining Part, to render it unſerviceable, or prejudice the Sale thereof; and likewiſe, any Part of the ſeveral Tracts, in *Frederick* County, in like Manner.

The Title and Terms may be known, by applying to the Subſcriber, or to *Joſias Beall*, junior, living on *Ackokick*, near *Piſcataway*, in *Prince-George's* County. JOHN BEALL, junior.

N. B. Time will be given for the Payment of Part, on good Security, if required.

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